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Lon Thomas
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Subject: Response to Safety Concern Letter, Termination of Division Directive,
American Stone/Star Stone Quarries, Aragonite Mine, M/045/031,
Tooele County, Utah

Dear Mr. Thomas:

On March 11, 2003, Tom Munson and Doug Jensen met with you at the Aragonite Mine to jointly discuss onsite public safety and permitting concerns. On March 12, 2003, we received your letter outlining your proposal to address the outstanding concerns. On April 7, 2003, we sent a certified Division Directive to you that outlined mitigation measures to correct the public safety and permitting concerns at the Aragonite Mine. The following measures were installed at the mine prior to a June 12, 2003 inspection:

- 1.) A new cover was welded onto the mine shaft, as requested, preventing access.
- 2.) The road leading to the Glory Hole on the upper portion of the mine workings was breached and bermed making it impossible to access this Glory Hole site by vehicle or foot from the south side.
- 3.) Danger, Keep Out, signs were posted at four locations along with barb wire fence at two locations to prevent access to the Glory Hole on the north side of the pit.

In the April 7, 2003 Division Directive letter, we asked that you inspect these measures quarterly. You responded on June 3, 2003, that this was too frequent and would like to do inspections yearly. The Division is not going to

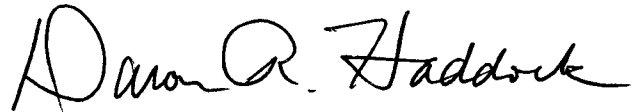
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dictate an inspection frequency to you, but merely state that these safety measures must be adequately maintained.

Because all measures in the Division Directive have been addressed, the directive is hereby terminated. When Division staff are in the area, an inspection of the site will be made. If safety measures have not been adequately maintained, a Notice of Violation will be issued immediately. A fine would then be levied.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter please contact Tom Munson at 538-5321. Thank you for keeping your mine site in good standing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daron R. Haddock". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Daron" being more prominent than the last name "Haddock".

Daron R. Haddock
Permit Supervisor
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